SALFORD HEART CARE
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON: TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2026,
WINTON BOWLING, TENNIS & SOCIAL CLUB

Present:

Victor Bailey (Director)
Barbara Walker (Director)
Paul Brent (Director & Chairman)
Jean Chubb (Director)
Julie Clifford (Committee member)
Sue Collins (Committee member)
Serena Rice (Coordinator-minutes)
31 members

	Welcome and Opening
	The meeting commenced at 11:00am. A one-minute silence was observed in memory of members who passed away during the year.
1	**Apologies**
	Apologies received from: Alan Rowe (Treasurer), Tricia Harris (Committee member), David Gorvett, Jane Hamilton, Ann Scott, Linda Hart, Fred Gorvett.
2	**Minutes of the previous AGM**
	The minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 were approved by Paul Wilcock and Sue Collins.
3	**Matters Arising**
	All matters arising were addressed within the agenda.
4	**Report and Accounts**
a)	**Annual Report** Members received a copy of the Annual Report, which included updates on club attendance, activities, grant income, social events, volunteer contributions, and promotional efforts. It was noted that attendance was similar to last year, perhaps with a slight decrease in membership noticed at Winton.
b)	**Annual Accounts** Paul and Serena presented the accounts for the year ending 30th September 2026, supported by a PowerPoint summary. • The accounts were independently examined and approved. • Total income exceeds expenditure by £1,111 and this is a significant improvement from the previous two years. • Income sources included £8,972 in grants, £4,594 in donations, £9,757 in investment income, and £2143 vinted sales. • Staff costs represent just over 50% of total expenditure and are index-linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). **Questions:** • Dorothy Highcock asked for an explanation of the volunteer fund and the transfers that were being made from branches to support this. Serena explained that the fund was created a couple of years ago to support

	volunteers, including subsidising tickets for parties and events. However, the fund has not always been required where fundraising from other sources was available. • Marion ElQasem suggested offering more activities during exercise sessions at Winton, or having a friendship corner where members could chat and share problems. Board games, jigsaws, quizzes were amongst the suggestions. • Linda Hanson asked if it would be possible to have more visitors at the club to help with finances and other issues, such as Age UK and Citizen's advice. • Jean Barr asked if were checking on members who were ill or haven't attended for a while. Serena confirmed that where possible, members who had been absent were checked on or followed up. • David Lees suggested raising awareness of the groups by placing leaflets in community buildings such as doctors surgeries. • Dorothy Highcock expressed concern with the low number of members booking on day trips from the Winton branch. Is there a reason why members are not attending? David Lees said he would like to thank the staff and volunteers for their hard work and support. **The accounts were formally adopted.**
5	**Appointment & Election of Officers**
	Serena listed current Directors and Steering Committee members. • Paul Brent was appointed Chairman at the June Committee Meeting. • Members were invited to join the Steering Committee, with an outline of the time commitment involved. • Members were encouraged to meet at branch-level steering committees to share ideas and concerns with the main committee. **Outcome: All current Directors and Committee Members were reappointed for the forthcoming year.**
6	**Membership Subscriptions 2026-2027**
	• Membership will remain at £10 per person per annum. • Subscription forms will be distributed at clubs and collected over the coming weeks. • A register of paid members will be maintained. • Serena reminded tax-paying members to complete the Gift Aid section to enable additional claims on subscriptions and donations.
7	**Any Other Business**
	• Jane Hamilton requested to mention in her absence that her father Bernard Hamilton who founded Salford Heart Care in 1987, would be extremely proud of our continued success. • Paul Brent extended his appreciation and thanked the Coordinator, all of the volunteers, and members for their contributions to Salford Heart Care's success. • A round of applause followed in recognition.
	The meeting closed at 11:30am.